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WARNER W. STOCKBERGER SUCCUMBS

A great loss to the Federal Service was the recent death of Warner W. Stockberger, long-time friend and official of the Graduate School.

Born in Ohio, Dr. Stockberger came to Washington in 1903. As the first personnel director in the Federal Government, he held that position with the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 13 years. He was Special Adviser to the Secretary of Agriculture until his retirement last March, when Secretary Wickard appointed him a collaborator for the Department.

When he established a governing board for the School in 1934, Secretary Henry A. Wallace named Dr. Stockberger as a member. He continued on the board until his death, keenly interested in the Graduate School from its earliest years. In both official and personal capacities he gave the School his enthusiastic support and took pride in its development as a training center for the entire Federal Service in Washington. Often referred to as "the dean of personnel administrators" he was charter president and later president emeritus of the Society for Personnel Administration.

Dr. Stockberger attended Denison University in Ohio and later received his Ph. D. from George Washington, majoring in biology and botany. He was the author of many articles

appearing in professional journals and Department of Agriculture bulletins.

SUMMER SCHOOL CATALOGS AVAILABLE

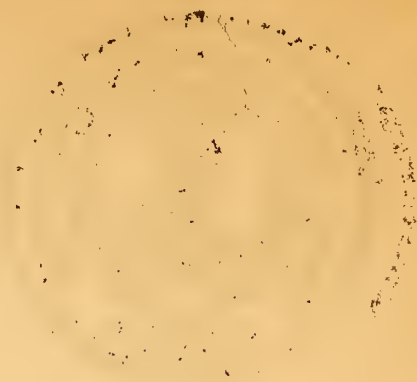
The new Summer School catalogs, neatly streamlined, printed in blue and bearing the seal of the Graduate School, may be obtained from the Graduate School office, Room 1031, South Building; at the entrance to the Fourth Wing, South Building; or in the Reading Room of the Library, Room 1052, South Building.

The summer session begins on June 12, instead of June 5, as first announced and continues for ten weeks. Courses in public administration, languages, social sciences, mathematics and statistics, federal procedures and office techniques are being offered.

PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL

Recording Made

At the request of OWI, Dr. Eldon L. Johnson, Director of the Graduate School, recently made a recording concerning the impact of the war on foreign language study. The recording was used for overseas broadcasts.



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Lecturing Soon

Dr. J. B. Shannon, Assistant Director of the Graduate School, will be at the University of Wisconsin from July 10 to 22, to lecture on "Pressure Groups in American Society", and to lead seminar discussions for the Industrial Relations Institute for Church Leadership. The University of Wisconsin bulletin records the following statement concerning this institute: "The second Industrial Relations Institute for Church Leadership will be held on the campus of the University of Wisconsin under the direction of the University School for Workers and the sponsorship of national church bodies. It will be in session with the School's General Two Week Institute of industrial workers and the Town-Country Leadership Institute sponsored by the School of Agriculture."

While he is in Madison, Dr. Shannon will also investigate the type and administration of correspondence work at the University.

New Summer School Instructor

Dr. Gerhard Tintner will teach a new course this summer entitled, "Mathematics for Economists", designed to give an introduction to differential and some integral calculus for use of the practicing economist.

His education at the University of Vienna and the London School of Economics and his work with the Australian Board of Trade, Rockefeller Foundation and the Office of Strategic Services, make him well equipped to teach such a subject.

Dr. Tintner is now connected with BAE, on leave from Iowa State College,

where he is Associate Professor of Economics and Mathematics.

CORRESPONDENCE STUDY PROGRAM

The new Assistant Director, J. B. Shannon, has now assumed full responsibility for the administration and organization of the correspondence program in the Graduate School. With many years of teaching experience and some responsibility for correspondence work in the past, Dr. Shannon is well qualified to take charge of this type of work.

Expansion of the correspondence courses is already beginning with requests from Federal employees in other agencies who wish to be permitted to take part in this program. Authorization for such outside participation is now being given. Although employees of several metropolitan areas have requested the School to set up extension branches for their convenience, establishment of such branches is not planned. The School wishes to have all educational needs properly met, but it prefers to have Federal employees cooperate with local institutions whenever possible.

The Bureau of Animal Industry and Meat Inspection Division of Office of Distribution (USDA) is circulating information among its employees concerning correspondence work, to ascertain the interest in additional courses in the animal sciences.

The Graduate School intends to do everything possible to maintain high instructional standards and smooth and efficient conduct of the correspondence relationships between the teacher and students. It is hoped that the organization of a systematic plan of

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administration will relieve the instructors of clerical details. Consideration is now being given to the establishment of a system of central services for editing, duplicating and proof-reading all correspondence material, for receiving and sending out lessons, and for maintaining records which will show the current status of all correspondence study.

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

Languages and Literature

On May 12, the Committee on the Department of Languages and Literature met, discussed and planned courses for the 1944 Fall Session.

On May 19, a joint luncheon meeting of the instructors and committee members took place. Dean Henry G. Doyle, Director of the Latin American Training Center (on leave from George Washington University) spoke on the importance of language study at the present time.

Following his address, discussion centered around methods of instruction. After the meeting had adjourned, the Spanish instructors convened and discussed the texts for "Elementary Spanish".

Social Sciences

The Department of Social Sciences held a luncheon meeting on May 9. Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel led the discussion on curricular modifications in the

light of past experience and probable post-war needs.

At the committee meeting of the Department of Social Sciences on May 23, approval was given to a new statement of the purposes and scope of the social sciences. This exposition was prepared by Frederick L. Thomsen and Frederick V. Waugh, and in a slightly modified form it will appear in the 1944 Fall catalog.

Accounting Instructors

The accounting instructors met on May 25 to discuss courses to be offered in the fall, new courses thought desirable, and common problems of teaching.

MOVIES ON INVASION, JUNE 5 at 5:45

Because of a conflict in the auditorium schedule, the Graduate School movie program took place on Monday instead of the usual day, Wednesday.

Three films of immediate interest were shown:

1. CHANNEL FORTIFICATIONS - Germany's own film, depicting tremendous preparations against an allied invasion.

2. ROAD TO BERLIN --a Nazi "wolf-pack" trying to intercept an American convoy. Race against time by those unsung heroes who handle supplies and load convoys; and the battle, furnish dramatic elements in this film.

3. WELCOME TO BRITAIN - well acted and uproarious sequences of the American doughboy and his British cousin trying to get acquainted; with Burgess Meredith and Bob Hope.

